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OPERATING SAME  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly ~~amend~~ the above-identified application before examination  
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ~~replace~~ the originally filed specification with the attached  
substitute specification. A "Comparison" document is submitted herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

~~Cancel~~ the Abstract as originally filed and substitute the following:

--Mechanisms for operating an industrial controller (S) equipped  
with a runtime system (RTS), in particular for production machines, which enable  
a user to wait in the program flow for any desired condition are provided, the

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